

WIPP Quick Facts (As of 11-8-06)

5,235
Shipments received since opening

43,621
Cubic meters of waste disposed

84,477
Containers disposed in the
underground



Veterans' Day November 11, 2006

The following comments are from just a sample of veterans that are part of the WIPP family.

I'm a Vietnam Veteran...served at DaNang (1971-72) with the U.S. Air Force. Assigned to 366th Tactical Fighter Wing "The Gunfighters" (F-4s). When I returned to the USA in December of '72, I recall a reporter asking a young F-4 pilot what it was like. He replied, "Vietnam ... you had to be there."

Ed Ater
U.S. Air Force
1966-1977

WIPP offers electronic notification system to stakeholders

Last month marked a major milestone for the WIPP facility. The Section 311/remote-handled waste permit modification was approved, removing the prohibition on the management and disposal of remote-handled transuranic waste. The modified permit also provided for an e-mail notification system to better inform interested stakeholders about specific WIPP activities.

United States Department of Energy
Carlsbad Field Office

WIPP Waste Isolation Pilot Plant
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The Carlsbad Field Office and Washington TRU Solutions (the Permittees), will notify stakeholders when one or more of the following activities occur at WIPP:

Submittal of final waste generator site audit reports to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for approval. Once a TRU waste generator site audit report has been approved by the Permittees, it will be submitted to NMED for approval. Notice will be sent to stakeholders in the notification database within five days of submittal to NMED.

Submittal of an acceptable knowledge sufficiency determination (AKSD) to NMED for review. This determination verifies that required physical and/or chemical information about a waste stream is available based on associated records and documentation. Electronic notice will be sent to stakeholders in the notification database within five days of submittal to NMED.

Submittal of an issue for dispute resolution. The modified permit includes a dispute resolution provision should disputes arise between the Permittees and the NMED regarding audit report approval or an AKSD review. When a dispute resolution is invoked, stakeholders in the electronic notification database will be notified within seven days.

Any proposal to submit a Class 1 permit modification notification to NMED for approval of a capacity increase in the repository. The Permittees may request to increase the capacity for contact-handled and remote-handled TRU waste disposal in

As a daughter of military veterans, I grew up knowing I would enlist. The GI Bill helped pay for my college education. The training I received in the theatre of life as an inexperienced high school graduate who had rarely been outside of Montana was invaluable. I was stationed for three years in Heidelberg, Germany, and the remaining three years in Ft. Huachuca, AZ.

Every Veterans' Day, I celebrate and salute the brave men and women who have fought to keep this country great and free and I feel humble to be able to call myself a veteran.

Meg Milligan
U.S. Army

I'm very proud of honorably having served my country.

Dennis Hurtt
U.S. Army
1964-1967

I wish all veterans a safe Veterans' Day on November 11 and ask everyone to remember Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq veterans and the sacrifices they made for all of us.

Gary R. Morrison
Vietnam Veteran (five campaigns)
U.S. Navy
1963-1969

I was in the Air Force for six years in a predominantly male field (heavy equipment mechanic). I spent my first 2 1/2 years stationed at RAF Lakenheath in England. The remaining 3 1/2 years at Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane, Washington, 1 1/2 of those years was with the Air Force Survival School.

Cindi Roush
U.S. Air Force
1979-1985

accordance with the provisions of the modified permit. When this occurs an electronic notice must be completed 15 days prior to submittal to the NMED.

Any use of surge capacity in the Parking Area Unit or Waste Handling Building. The modified permit includes provisions for surge storage under a well-defined set of circumstances. When surge storage is required, an electronic notice must be sent to stakeholders in the electronic database within five days.

The electronic notification system will provide the recipient with a WIPP Web page address where additional information can be obtained regarding the subject notification.

If you would like to receive these e-mail notifications, please visit the WIPP Web page at <http://www.wipp.energy.gov> and click on the "Stakeholder Notification" link to subscribe. After you complete the registration, an e-mail message with a confirmation number and web page link will be sent to the address you provided. This message also will ask you to click on the attached link and enter your confirmation number to verify your e-mail address and intent to subscribe to this service. Upon completion of this final step, your information will be added to the electronic notification database and you will begin receiving e-mail notifications.

Please note that the e-mail notification service is in addition to the information sent to interested stakeholders through the WIPP facility mailing list.

WIPP salutes veterans on Veterans' Day

Bob Walker (L&M) starts his work day raising the stars and stripes at the U.S. Department of Energy's Skeen-Whitlock Building. Raising the flags each day isn't necessarily part of his official job, but it's definitely part of who he is.

Walker is a Vietnam-era veteran, who was stationed with the U.S. Air Force at both MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla. and Eielson Air Force Base in Fairbanks, Alaska, between 1971 and 1974. His love of country runs deep and is evident in his family.

"My grandfather was a pilot in the Army Air Corps," says Walker. "My grandmother was an Army nurse at Walter Reid Army Hospital. My dad was a Navy welder on a destroyer during the Korean War and my sister is a six-year Navy vet machinist.



Bob Walker raising the U.S. Flag at the Skeen-Whitlock Building.

Referring to his wife, who works for WTS, he adds, "Mak's family is just as dedicated. We take our "colors" seriously."

Walker hopes more people will show proper respect for the flag. "Brave soldiers are still wounded and dying on behalf of the flag," he says. "I want to show them the respect they deserve. After all, we are the land of the free, thanks to the brave."

TRU TeamWorks and the WIPP family would like to thank all veterans for their dedicated service to our nation.

**Happy Birthday
Wishes!**

Mike Antiporda (WTS)
November 3

Heather Evans (CTAC)
November 3

David Lewis (WTS)
November 3

Kathryn Zbryk (WRES)
November 4

Jeff May (CTAC)
November 8

Danette Harvill (CTAC)
November 9

Steve Porter (WTS)
November 10

Donna Carter (L&M)
November 12

Beverly Schrock (WTS)
November 12

Russ Riddle (NCI)
November 16

Dora Lopez (WTS)
November 18

Leslie Rostro (WTS)
November 18

Bobby St. John (WTS)
November 18

Kathy Gibson (WTS)
November 22

Norm Frank (CTAC)
November 26

Greg Van Soest (LANL)
November 28

Joe Vasquez (L&M)
November 28

Dan Taggart (LANL)
November 30

WIPP security officers excel in training

They've got the right stuff. Six of WIPP's finest excelled at a WIPP Security Response Force basic course in October. Sylvia Galindo, Carlos Duran, Ezequiel Gomez, Robert Lucas, Robert Valenzuela and Charlie Granger demonstrated their proficiency in firearms, tactical training and physical fitness performance.



Left to right: Training Coordinator Clayton Ardoin, Sylvia Galindo, Carlos Duran, Ezequiel Gomez, Robert Lucas, Robert Valenzuela, Charlie Granger and Captain Bobby Martinez.

At the conclusion, awards were given out for outstanding performance. Lucas was awarded Top Shooter, Valenzuela was recognized as the Top Academic and Granger received the Excellence in Physical Fitness award.

"The students and instructors did a great job," says Santa Fe Protective Services (SFPS) Manager Larry Barela. "I'd like to thank the Carlsbad Police Department and the Eddy County Sheriff's Department for their assistance."

SFPS instructors Clayton Ardoin and Bobby Martinez taught the course at the Eddy County Sheriff's Department firing range with assistance from Ray Lopez, Sammy Mendez and Riely Dean. The course was certified by the U.S. Department of Energy National Training Center in Albuquerque, N.M. after a review of instructor qualifications, course content and training location criteria.

Is your birthday on our list?

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Blanket Brigade set to continue at Christmas on the Pecos

Once again, WTS hopes to take the chill off the Christmas on the Pecos. For the fourth year, employees, their families and friends will be volunteering to hand out blankets to passengers as they board boats for the two-mile cruise down the Pecos River to view a spectacular light show put on by residents and area organizations.

Dubbed the Blanket Brigade, WTS' annual community effort runs in conjunction with the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce's Christmas on the Pecos from Nov. 23 through December 31. The brigade offered blankets to nearly 16,000 passengers last year.



[Russell Leach \(right\) handing out blankets to visitors as part of last year's Blanket Brigade at the Christmas on the Pecos.](#)

"Our volunteers are dedicated to this community and want the Christmas on the Pecos to be the best ever," says Dick Raaz, WTS general manager. "The blankets are ready and so are we!"

Scheduling of volunteers to cover all of the shifts is ongoing. WTS and WRES employees are encouraged to reserve their slot with their departmental secretary. There are two shifts each night: 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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